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In re application of

Masaru TSUKIJI

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STRUCTURE AND MANUFACTURING
METHOD OF NON-VOLATILE FLASH
MEMORY

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Responsive to the Official Action of October 21, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 3 as follows:

--3. (amended) A structure of a non-volatile flash
memory that is a NOR type non-volatile flash memory, provides
floating gates and a common source line, wherein:

an impurity gradient distribution of a source in a
memory cell adjacent to where said source joins a semiconductor
substrate is gradual.--

REMARKS

The indication that claims 1-2 and 4-12 have been
allowed is acknowledged with thanks. Claim 3 was rejected under